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REMARKS

Claims 3-12 and 14-19 are presently pending in the application, but upon entry of this amendment only claims 3-5 and 14-16 will remain pending. It is proposed to cancel claims 6-12 and 17-19 without prejudice or disclaimer. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The allowance of claims 3-5 and 14-16 is again noted with appreciation. Applicants also gratefully acknowledge the courtesy extended by the Examiner to Applicants' representative in a telephonic interview conducted on August 3, 2005. The parties discussed the present rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph and the distinctions between the claimed invention and the previously applied art of record. No agreement was reached in that discussion.

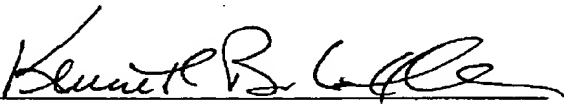
Claims 6-12 and 17-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement.

In order to expedite favorable prosecution of the application, it is proposed to cancel claims 6-12 and 17-19. Cancellation of these claims will render the present rejections moot, thereby putting the application into immediate condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the above-proposed amendments be entered, and the present rejections withdrawn.

Upon entry of these amendments, the application will be in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of same is respectfully requested.

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